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- MEMORANDUM -

To: Mayor & Town Council
From: Cheryl Delaney, Deputy City Manager
CC: Lea Dunn
Date: November 14, 2014
Re: Re-appointment of Judge & Associate Judge

Attached are the resumes for the Judge and Associate Judge. These positions are up for re-appointment for a two year term. A presentation regarding court operations and practices will be discussed on the November 17th work session. Re-appointment and contract renewal of the Judge and Associate Judge will be held on the November 25th council meeting.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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Lea Dunn, City Manager
Town of Addison
5300 Belt Line Road
Addison, TX 75001

Dear Ms Dunn,

Per our recent conversation I am attaching a copy of my resume. The Town's Code of Ordinances requires that Judges must be reappointed every two years. The ordinance provides other requirements.

- **Sec. 26-35. - Judges of court.**

(a)

The municipal court of record shall be presided over by a judge, who shall be known as the "municipal judge." The judge shall be appointed by ordinance for a term of two (2) years and shall be entitled to a salary set by the city council. The amount of the judge's salary may not be diminished during the judge's term of office. The salary may not be based directly or indirectly on fines, fees, or costs collected by the court.

Also, the Texas Gov't Code Sec 29.005 Term of Office provides:

"The judge of a municipal court serves for a term of office of two years ..."

Our current appointment ends December 31, 2014.

I originally took office on April 6th, 1986, 28 years ago. My duties are divided between acting as a Municipal Judge and a Magistrate for Dallas County. My duties as Municipal Judge include reviewing judgments and signing, review warrants and sign, preside over hearings for attorney, pretrial, Spanish, Juvenile and first appearance dockets. I also preside over trials before the court and jury trials. This includes reviewing the law and procedures and setting procedures for the clerks to follow. We have window court where I will meet with the accused and explain their options in an attempt to work matters out without the necessity of setting them for another day in court.

As Magistrate I review and sign arrest warrants and search warrants presented to me for Class B and above offenses. In addition, I given warnings necessary to out of county prisoners held on Class C warrants.

During that time some of my accomplishments have been:

- The assisted in implementing the software program used until 1999.
- I assisted and helped implement our current software program in 1999 including reviewing all charge codes, the fine and cost associated with them, reviewing all complaints to conform to existing complaints. Over the years I have implemented the legislative changes to the software. I assisted in changes in reports for the Office of Court Administration reports and reports to the Dept. of Public Safety.
- I participated in writing two RFP's for new software including the current one being considered. I have worked with Paula and IT to assure the proper software is implemented.
- I worked with Paula and IT to install a on line payment portal for paying citations on line or through a telephone portal. Later we modified the web payment to accept partial payments on line for those who are on a payment plan with the court and to allow a person to sign up for Defensive Driving School. As far as we know this was a first in the State of Texas to permit both of the actions. This included drafting the flow charts and instructions on the web as well as guiding our software vendors through the changes necessary to permit the changers to be made.
- Assisted IT and PD in implementing the APS electronic citation writer and later the Brazos electronic citation writer.
- I worked closely with CID to propose and implement a method to remotely sign search and arrest warrants. This included evaluating software to capture signatures and videos of the officer signing the documents. This has reduced the amount of time and travel for officers needing these legal writs.
- After we reduced to only one associate judge I assumed the weekend duty of the other judge without any change in compensation.

If you need anything further, please let me know.

Yours truly,

Larry B. Dwight

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Work History

April 6, 1986 to present Municipal Court Judge for the Town of Addison
Duties included presiding over trials and hearings as well as magistrating
prisoners in jail.

1987 to present Maintain a small private practice with existing clients.

1981 to 1987 Staff Attorney at R. Jack Ayres Jr. acting as manager
of the office. The firm was engaged primarily in complex civil litigation.

1973 to 1981 Partner in Moore, Crutsinger and Dwight which firm
practiced intellectual property law. Prepared applications for patents, trademarks
and copyrights

Professional Licenses held:

1974 Licensed to practice before the US Patent and Trademark Office

Dec. 4, 1973 Licensed to practice in the State of Texas.

I am licensed to practice before the United States Supreme Court, Northern
District of Texas and the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Education:

8/19/1973 Graduated Baylor University School of Law JD

9/1/1968 to 5/20/71 Attended University of Texas at Austin studying Electrical
and Architectural Engineering.

U.H. (WOODY) SPECHT
ATTORNEY & COUNSELOR AT LAW

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas, J.D. Degree, 1965
Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, B.S. Degree, 1962
Federal Bureau of Investigation Training Academy and National Law Institute,
Quantico, Va., 1965 and 1985, respectively.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Municipal Judge, Town of Addison, Texas, 1994 - Present.
Legal Counsel, City of Carrollton, Texas, 2002 - 2012
Private practice of law, 1990 - 2002, 2012 - Present
Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 1965-1990, with administrative and
Supervisory responsibilities in the following areas:
1. Chief Division Counsel, FBI, Dallas, Texas, and Newark, N.J., 1971-1990.
2. FBI spokesperson and media liaison for the Dallas Region, 1978-1990.
3. Training Coordinator for all FBI sponsored training programs.
4. FBI National Academy training coordinator.
5. FBI Principal Hostage Negotiator. 1975-1990.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

State Bar of Texas; Admitted to practice before The Supreme Court of the United States
of America and the United State District Courts for the Eastern and Northern
District of Texas.